

NGSAR Update

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We successfully made it through year three of the National Ground Search And Rescue School. Though we had our fair share of problems ranging from missed airplanes to rain, I think that we accomplished most of our goals.. Additionally, I think that everyone benefited from the training, made a few new friends, and most importantly had fun doing it.

With that said, planning for the 1999 National Ground Search and Rescue School is well under way. This year the school will again be at Camp Atterbury (about 35 miles outside of Indianapolis, Indiana for those alumni from the first few years). Though we

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did have some facility problems last year, none were insurmountable, and the long-term benefits make the facility ideal for what we are doing. We have locked in the facility from July 24th to the 8th of August, though not everyone will be there that entire time. The main school will be run from the 31st of July to the 8th of August, focusing on the ground team training skills for team members and leaders in the basic and advanced courses and mission management skills in the mission base staff school. Pre course training programs of varying length like advanced or basic first aid, CPR, communications user training, and general emergency services training will be conducted from the 26th to the 30th of July. Most staff members will be expected



to arrive during the pre-course period to complete a train-the-trainer course. This should make sure those providing training are all operating on the same sheet of music. I will work with personnel with scheduling conflicts on a case by case basis so that we can adequately staff the program.

In closing, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your help and guidance in making CAP's ES programs better, and ask that you stay in touch.

Sincerely,

JOHN DESMARAIS
NGSAR School Director

NEW/REVISED CAP ES PUBS.

A few new CAP publications have been released recently which have or will effect how we do business.

One of our "ES Bibles", CAPR 55-1, and the Emergency Services Officer Specialty Track Guide, CAPP 213, have both been released. In fact a

change to CAPR 55-1 has also been released. These publications are available via the CAP Bookstore and the WWW.

As many of you know, the working group of the National Emergency Services Curriculum Project (ESCP) is currently testing the training materials they are developing around the country. Much of the training materials being tested are based on materials that you tested in the last few summers at the school. If your unit is interested in testing the first phase materials, please get in touch with your region representative or myself. Background materials on the project are available on the world wide web at:
<http://www.cap.af.mil/do/dop/escp1.htm>

1999 NGSAR APPLICATIONS

It is time again to start filling out applications for staff and student slots for the school. If you are interested in attending the 1999 school as a staff member or advanced student, please fill out a CAPF 31 and send it in ASAP so that we can get the ball rolling.

If you are applying for a staff position and have not been on the staff before, please send me a short resume (1-2 pages) with copies of your local ES training documentation so that I can place you appropriately. If you have been on the staff before but have completed more local training, feel free to send me an updated resume and copies of your documentation. Though it is not required, it could help me place you as well. As you know it takes a lot of staff to run a

program like this, and we are expecting the program to grow again, so that means more staff will be necessary.

The HQ Cadet Programs staff is also using a Scantron sheet to track what interested personnel are applying for. I've enclosed a few along with the basic instructions for your use.

If you know any members interested in any of the student programs, please make sure that they get their applications in soon. There again, if you or anyone else has questions about the program, feel free to refer them to me.

NGSAR SCHOOL WEB PAGE

A web page for the school has recently been established, and is being updated regularly.

The site currently has general information on the school as well as a listing of all past graduates. Take a look at it and let me know what you think. If there is something that you would like to see up there, let me know and I'll see what I can do. The address for the NGSAR site is:

<http://www.cap.af.mil/nhq/do/dop/ngsar1.htm>

WHAT'S EVERONE UP TO?

Gary Brockman ('96 - '98) and Jay Jeffries ('97) have been hard at work on the National ES Curriculum project working development issues. Gary's squadron also participated in the National Color Guard Competition.

Reggie Evans ('97 & '98) was on the USAFR NCC/NCGC staff, as well as spending some time drawing a cartoon for us (see right).

Don Wyatt ('97 & '98) has been promoted to Captain.

Dave Rosati ('97 & '98) has become a squadron commander in Connecticut as well as taking a promotion at his regular job in the police department.

Bob Spencer ('96 - '98), Dave Korzen ('96 - '98), Paula Zandstra ('96 - '98),

Stephen "Goose" Grusendorf ('97 & '98), Brian Lindberg ('96 & '98), and Ed Lower ('98) went through the first ESCP train-the-trainer course in RI, and helped with some follow-on training for some RIW members over the Christmas Break. In fact two other graduates, Justin Jobin ('96) and Glenn Riddell ('98) participated in the winter field training in RI. I have included a photo of "Goose" and "Z" teaching a basic equipment class just for laughs.

Rob Lindberg ('96) is stationed in Korea with the US Army, and should be coming home in the late spring.

Marc Dumond ('97) has enlisted in the US Army and has completed basic training and AIT, and Brian Nolte ('98) has signed up to go into the US Marine Corps.

Brian Aguila ('98) was cadet executive officer at the Florida Wing Homestead encampment over the Christmas break, and was selected "Officer of the Encampment".

If you or another graduate have done something interesting recently, let me know.



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